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SUBJECT: 95TH EXBD: ITEM 5.1: UNESCO 1975-76 BIENNIUM BUDGET

REFS: A. STATE 214324 B. PARIS 22846 C. STATE 210886

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON NIKOLAI SMIRNOV, EXCEUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MFA'S COMMISSION FOR UNESCO ON OCTOBER 3 TO DISCUSS POINTS IN REFTELS. SMIRNOV EXPRESSED STRONG AGREEMENT WITH U.S. AIM OF HOLDING DOWN THE PROPOSED NEW BUDGET, BUT HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT HELD EVEN BELOW U.S. \$155 MILLION. HE DID NOT MENTION A TARGET FIGURE, BUT HINTED THAT \$145-150 MILLION WOULD BE A GOOD RANGE. THE SUGGESTED FIGURE OF \$170 MILLION WAS FAR OUT OF LINE - AN INCREASE OF NEARLY ONE-THIRD IN ONE TWO-YEAR PERIOD. THE CUTS SHOULD COME, HE SAID, FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (WHICH HE CLAIMED TAKE 65 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET) AND FROM PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES. HY EXPECTED THE DEVLOPING COUNTRIES TO OPPOSE ANY CUTS, QBUT NOTED THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE RELATIVELY LITTLE TO THE BUDGET. HE WENT ON TO STRESS THAT MOSCOW SUPPORTS MOST UNESCO PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING WITH SCIENCE, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS.

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2. HE SUGGESTED THAT OUR TWO DELEGATIONS IN PARIS CONSULT ON THE BUDGET QUESTION, AND ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE SAID THAT SUCH EXCHANGES ARE USEFUL FOR BOTH. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IGOR ZEMSKOV IS HEADING THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

3. EMBOFF ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF KHMER REPRESENTATION (REF C), STRESSING POINT THAT UNESCO OUGHT NOT TO DEAL WITH QUESTION BEFORE IT HAS BEEN DECIDED IN UNGA. SMIRNOV MADE SURE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE POINT CLEARLY, THEN AID THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON IT, BUT WOULD REPORT OUR VIEWS TO HIS SENIORS.  
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